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DRINKER'S COURT

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236-38 Delancey St., Society Hill Historic District. A complex of two front buildings and six rear apartments and a rear three-story building flanking a courtyard.

No. 236: Brick, 16'-4" (two-bay front) x 14'-9"; two-and-a-half stories, half gambrel roof, pent eave; one-room floor plan. Built ca. 1765, probably by John Drinker, brick-

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layer; three rear apartments built after 1806; No. 236 altered to store ca. 1870, reverted to residence between 1920 and 1930; south apartment demolished after 1939; No. 236 and apartments rehabilitated 1965-66.

No. 238: Brick, 15'-2" (two-bay front) x 16'-10", two-and-a-half stories, half gambrel roof; one-room floor plan; three rear apartments. Built ca. 1765, probably by John Drinker, bricklayer; rear three-story building built between 1827 and 1829; No. 238 and apartments rehabilitated 1958-59.

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Original shutters, window and door elements of the structures at Architectural Study Collection, Museum Division, Independence National Historical Park. The construction of small rowhouses on a court with one row facing the other was a common building practice in 18th c. and early 19th c. Philadelphia, as the large city blocks were subdivided by secondary streets. These buildings were on the northern extremity of a lot owned by John Drinker and on which he built his dwelling place at 241 Pine St. (See Drinker, John, House, HABS No. PA-1325). Court later known as

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Deimling Place, also Bodine St. 5 ext. photos (1959, 1972),
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